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TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Pioneer Gi-Bred International, Inc.

Untereas, there has been presented to the

Secretary of Agriculture

an application requesting a certificate of protection for an alleged novel variety of sexually reproduced plant, the name and description of which are contained in the application and exhibits, a copy of which is hereunto annexed and made a part hereof, and the various requirements of LAW in such cases made and provided have been complied with, and the title thereto is, from the records of the Plant Variety Protection Office, in the applicant(s) indicated in the said copy, and WHEREAS, upon due examination made, the said applicant(s) is (are) adjudged to be entitled to a certificate of plant variety protection under the LAW.

NOW, therefore, this certificate of plant variety protection is to grant unto the said applicant(s) and the successors, heirs or assigns of the said applicant(s) for the term of eighteen years from the date of this grant, subject to the payment of the required fees and periodic replenishment of viable basic seed of the variety in a public repository as provided by LAW, the right to exclude others from selling the variety, or offering it for sale, or reproducing it, mporting it, or exporting it, or using it in producing a hybrid or different y therefrom, to the extent provided by the Plant Variety Protection Act 1542, as amended, 7 u.s.c. 2321 et seq.)

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In Testimony Minereot, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Plant Bariety Protection Office to be affixed at the City of Washington, D. C. this 30th day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety-one.

Attosk:

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Commissioner

Plant Variety Protection Office Agricultural Marketing Service

Cobert Lee Segebart

App. No. 10/768,338

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FORM APPROVED: QMR #0581-4955, Expires 1/31/91

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APPLICATION FOR PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION CERTIFICATE (Instructions on reverse)			Application is required in order to determine it a plant variety protection certificate is to be issued (7 U.S.C. 2421) Information is held confidential until certificate is issued (7 U.S.C. 2426).	
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20 The applicant(s) declare(s) that a viable sample of basic seeds of this variety will be furnished with the application and will be replenished upon request in accordance with such regulations as may be applicable.				
The undersigned applicant(s) is (are) the owner(s) of this sexually reproduced novel plant variety, and believe(s) that the variety is distinct.				
uniform, and stable as required in section 41, and is entitled to protection under the provisions of section 42 of the Plant Variety Protection Act. Applicants) is (are) informed that false representation herein can jeopardize protection and result in penalties.				
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14A. Exhibit A. Origin and Breeding History

Pedigree: PHG47/PHG35)X9312X

Pioneer Line PHK56, Zea mays L., a yellow dent corn inbred, was developed by Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc. from the single cross PHG47 x PHG35 using the pedigree method of breeding. The progenitors of PHK56 are proprietary inbred lines of Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc. Selfing and selection were practiced within the above F1 cross for six generations in the development of PHK56 at Marion, Iowa. During line development, crosses were made to inbred testers for the purpose of estimating the line's combining ability. Yield trials were grown at Marion, Iowa, as well as other Pioneer research stations in the mid-maturity areas of the United States Corn Belt. After initial testing, additional hybrid combinations have been evaluated and subsequent generations of the line have been grown and hand-pollinated with observations made for uniformity.

PHK56 has shown uniformity and stability for all traits as described in Exhibit C - "Objective Description of Variety". It has been self-pollinated and ear-rowed a sufficient number of generations with careful attention paid to uniformity of plant type to assure genetic homozygousity and phenotypic stability. The line has been increased both by hand and in isolated fields with continued observations for uniformity.

No variant traits have been observed or are expected in PHK56.

Developmental History for PHK56

Season/Year	Inbreeding Level
Winter 1980	FO (Cross made)
Summer 1980	F1 .
Summer 1981	F2
Summer 1982	F3
Summer 1983	F4
Summer 1984	F 5
Summer 1985	F6
Summer 1986	F7*
Summer 1987	F8
Summer 1988	F9
Summer 1989	F10**

^{*} PHK56 was selfed and selected through F7 generation.

^{**} PHK56 was selfed and ear-rowed from F8 through F10 generations.

Exhibit A: During the early development (F1-F2) of the inbreds, selection was based on agronomic characteristics (e.g., plant height, stalk lodging, disease and insect resistance, etc.) whereas, from F3 through later generations selection was based on yield as well as agronomic characteristics. The most important traits during selection would be those described in the definitions section and in Exhibit D. Yield is looked at on a per se basis and how well an inbred performs in hybrid combination.

14B. Exhibit B. Novelty Statement

PHK56 is most similar to the Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc. proprietary inbred line PHW43 (PVP Certificate No. 8900326). PHK56 is earlier in maturity compared to PHW43. PHK56 sheds pollen and silks approximately 50 (1420 versus 1470) and 40 (1460 versus 1500) growing degree units earlier than PHW43. The leaf sheath of PHK56 has more pubescence (medium version light) than PHW43. The silk color of PHK56 is pink, has a horizontal ear shank, and slightly curved kernel rows whereas PHW43 has red silk, an upright ear shank, and straight kernel rows.

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EXHIBIT NO. C

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VARIETY DESCRIPTION INFORMATION

INBRED = PHK56

Type: DENT Region Best Adapted: Northcentral

A. Maturity: Average across maturity zones. Zone : 0

Heat Unit Shed: 1420 Heat Unit Silk: 1460 No. Reps: 59

- * If maximum is greater than 86 degrees fahrenheit, then 86 is used and if minimum is less than 50, then 50 is used. Heat units accumulated daily and can not be less than 0.
- B. Plant Characteristics:

Plant height (to tassel tip): 216 cm Length of top ear internode: 12 cm Number of ears per stalk: Single Ear height (to base of top ear): 82 cm Number of tillers: None Cytoplasm type: Normal

C. Leaf:

Color: (WF9) Medium Green
Angle from Stalk: 30-60 degrees
Marginal Waves: (OH7L) Many
Number of Leaves (mature plants): 18
Sheath Pubescence: (WF9) Medium
Longitudinal Creases: (PAll) Many
Length (Ear node leaf): 72 cm
Width (widest point, ear node leaf): 10 cm

D. Tassel:

Number lateral branches: 6
Branch Angle from central spike: 30-40 degrees
Pollen Shed: Heavy based on Pollen Yield Test
(107% of experiment means)
Peduncle Length (top leaf to basal branches): 25 cm
Anther Color: Yellow
Glume Color: Green

E. Ear (Husked Ear Data Except When Stated Otherwise):

Length: 17 cm
Weight: 142 gm
Mid-point Diameter: 42 mm
Silk Color: Pink
Husk Extension (Harvest stage): Medium (Barely Covering Ears)
Husk Leaf: Short (< 8 cm)
Taper of Ear: Average
Position of Shank (dry husks): Horizontal
Kernel Rows: Slightly Curved, Distinct Number = 16
Husk Color (fresh): Light Green
Husk Color (dry): Buff
Shank Length: 16 cm
Shank (No. of internodes): 8

F. Kernel (Dried):

Size (from ear mid-point)

Length: 11 mm

Width: 8 mm

Thick: 4 mm

Shape Grade (% rounds): 20-40 (30% medium round based on Parent

Test Data)

Pericarp Color: Colorless
Aleurone Color: Homozygous Yellow
Endosperm Color: Yellow
Endosperm Type: Normal Starch
Gm Wt/100 Seeds (unsized): 25 gm

G. Cob:

Diameter at mid-point: 25 mm Strength: Strong Color: Red

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H. Diseases:

Corn Lethal Necrosis (MCMV=Maize Chlorotic Mottle Virus and MDMV=Maize Dwarf Mosaic Virus): Intermediate Anthracnose Stalk Rot (C. graminicola): Intermediate N. Leaf Blight (E. turcicum): Intermediate Carbonum Leaf Blight (H. carbonum): Susceptible Eye Spot (K. zeae): Intermediate Gray Leaf Spot (C. zeae): Intermediate Goss's Wilt (C. nebraskense): Resistant Common Smut (U. maydis): Resistant Head Smut (S. reiliana): Highly Resistant Fusarium Ear Mold (F. moniliforme): Resistant

I. Insects:

European Corn Borer-1 Leaf Damage (Pre-flowering): Intermediate European Corn Borer-2 (Post-flowering): Susceptible

The above descriptions are based on a scale of 1-9, 1 being highly susceptible, 9 being highly resistant.

- S (Susceptible): Would generally represent a score of 1-3. I (Intermediate): Would generally represent a score of 4-5. R (Resistant): Would generally represent a score of 6-7. H (Highly Resistant): Would generally represent a score of 8-9. Highly resistant does not imply the inbred is immune.
- J. Variety Most Closely Resembling:

Character Inbred
Maturity PHW43
Usage PHW43

 $\tt PHW43$ (PVP Certificate No. 8900326) is a Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc. proprietary inbred.

Data for Items B, C, D, E, F, and G is based primarily on a maximum of two reps from Johnston, Iowa grown in 1988, plus description information from the maintaining station.

CLARIFICATION OF DATA IN EXHIBITS C AND D

Please note the data presented in Exhibit C, "Objective Description of Variety," is data collected primarily at Johnston, Iowa plus description information from the maintaining station. The data in Exhibit D, "Additional Description of Variety," is data from comparisons of inbreds or hybrids grown in the same tests in the adapted growing area of PHK56.

DEFINITIONS

In the description and examples, a number of terms are used herein. In order to provide a clear and consistent understanding of the specification and claims, including the scope to be given such terms, the following definitions are provided:

BAR PLT = BARREN PLANTS. This is the percent of plants per plot that were not barren (lack ears).

BRT STK = BRITTLE STALKS. This is a measure of the stalk breakage near the time of pollination, and is an indication of whether a hybrid or inbred would snap or break near the time of flowering under severe winds. Data are presented as percentage of plants that did not snap.

BU ACR = YIELD (BUSHELS/ACRE). Actual yield of the grain at harvest adjusted to 15.5% moisture. ABS is in absolute terms and % MN is percent of the mean for the experiments in which the hybrid or inbred was grown.

<u>DRP EAR = DROPPED EARS</u>. This is a measure of the number of dropped ears per plot and represents the percentage of plants that did not drop ears prior to harvest.

EAR HT = EAR HEIGHT. The ear height is a measure from the ground to the top developed ear node attachment and is measured in centimeters.

EST CNT = EARLY STAND COUNT. This is a measure of the stand establishment in the spring and represents the number of plants that emerge on a per plot basis for the hybrid or inbred.

GDU SHD = GDU TO SHED. The number of growing degree units (GDUs) or heat units required for an inbred line or hybrid to have approximately 50 percent of the plants shedding pollen and is measured from the time of planting. Growing degree units are calculated by the Barger Method, where the heat units for a 24-hour period are:

The highest maximum temperature used is $86\,^{\circ}\text{F}$ and the lowest minimum temperature used is $50\,^{\circ}\text{F}$. For each inbred or hybrid it takes a certain number of GDUs to reach various stages of plant development.

GDU SLK = GDU TO SILK. The number of growing degree units required for an inbred line or hybrid to have approximately 50 percent of the plants with silk emergence from time of planting. Growing degree units are calculated by the Barger Method as given in GDU SHD definition.

GRN QUL = QUAL. = GRAIN QUALITY. This is a 1 to 9 rating for the general quality of the shelled grain as it is harvested based on such factors as the color of the harvested grain, any mold on the grain, and any cracked grain. High scores indicate good grain quality and low scores indicate poor grain quality.

 ${\tt MST = HARVEST\ MOISTURE}.$ The moisture is the actual percentage moisture of the grain at harvest.

PLT HT = PLANT HEIGHT. This is a measure of the height of the plant from the ground to the tip of the tassel in centimeters.

RT LDG = ROOT LODGING. Root lodging is the percentage of plants that do not root lodge; plants that lean from the vertical axis at an approximately 30° angle or greater would be counted as root lodged.

SDG VGR = SEEDLING VIGOR. This is the visual rating (1 to 9) of the amount of vegetative growth after emergence at the seedling stage (approximately five leaves). A higher score indicates better vigor and a low score indicates poorer vigor.

STA GRN - STAY GREEN. Stay green is the measure of plant health near the time of black layer formation (physiological maturity). A high score indicates better late-season plant health.

STK LDG = STALK LODGING. This is the percentage of plants that did not stalk lodge (stalk breakage) as measured by either natural lodging or pushing the stalks and determining the percentage of plants that break below the ear.

TST WT = TEST WEIGHT UNADJUSTED. The measure of weight of the grain in pounds for a given volume (bushel).

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14E. EXHIBIT E. Statement of the Basis of Applicant's Ownership

Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc., Des Moines, Iowa, is the employer of the plant breeders involved in the development and evaluation of PHK56. Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc. has the sole rights and ownership of PHK56.